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Dear H,

Relet 22, just skimmed CDs 1269, 1250 re:Harper frag. I may want to refer to this wierd FBI when I get to that part of PM I (I'm not on 87). They sure made this hard and went out of their way to avoid the pictures for so long. Without checking my file of what I found in 1966, I believe the Bureau was told immediately and the piece gievn them immediately. It isn't possible that they didn't ask all questions and if itis, it is worse. Thus I suggest avoidance of what they knew they would have to hide. But when they couldn't avoid, they confiscated. Those bews were not referred to earlier, were they.

Now what is missing in all this is more important than the pix. That is X-rays. Are we to believe that the FBI is so incompetent it didn't have the fragment X-rayed before minute particles could shake out, if they hadn't already? Or that the pathalogist didn't think of this in a murder case?

I'm curious why there is no ref to X-rays anwyere. Do you suppose the FBI-DC didn't think of this after the got it?

All of t is is so suppicious I think there may be more, whether or not we get it.

There is nothing in CD1269 that meets any of the definitions of the exemptions of thelaw. Have you or did you send me the reason for the withholding, or is it from the basic list? They can't even alleged to protect the wino, not having withheld 1250, which is worse on that. Read me?

I suggest not telling A they gace you 1269 and that you search your own thinking carefully to determine two things: Do you really need these pictures, and do they fit the emeprtion on invasions of privacy? After you reach your own determination, we can ~~discuss~~ discuss further.

If you do not have t e A.G.'s memo on the law, you should study. I can lend you my copy of ypu can get GPO 25¢.

Is there anytying besides the slides in 1269 still withheld?

I don't see that this advances our knowledge except on the character of the inv. Do you feel otherwise?

Thanks for NSRP clip, which I'll read, and the Ramparts ad, which appeared elsewhere first, think NYT +. Did you note that Lane is not listed? Orany of the others you'd expect?

I've added these docs to my Harper file, if we discuss further, and I'll card now.

Thanks, HW